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9M0, SPRATLY ISLANDS. (The complete news release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin!) With the activity of two groups being active from here this month, a third group has announced that they will also be active from here. A multi-national group of DXpeditioners, primarily members of the UK's CDXC (Chiltern DX Club), the UK DX Foundation, will operate from **Layang Layang Island** in the **Spratlys** in **February, 1998**. Exact dates will be announced later, but the intention is to operate soon after the island re-opens to visitors following the typhoon season in order to maximize the opportunities for good LF propagation. It is also hoped that sunspot numbers will by then have started to increase, and that the expedition will enjoy favorable HF propagation. The team is expected to include: G3NUG, G3OZF, G3WGV, G3XTT, G4JVG, G0OPB, K5VT, VK2BEX, 9M2OM/G3NOM and 9M6SU. It is planned to keep four stations on the air round the clock to maximize band openings. All HF bands will be activated on SSB, CW and RTTY. The group will also have equipment for 6 meters. The team will use a wide selection of monoband and multiband antennas including phased verticals for both 40 and 80 meters. The callsign **9M0C** has been provisionally allocated. A Web page is available at <http://members.aol.com/spratly98> with up-to-the-minute expedition news. G3SWH will be QSL manager, and QSLs will be available through the bureau or direct.

AP, PAKISTAN. Hiro, JA1EZM, is reportedly here **until August 19th**. He has applied for his own callsign **AP2AP**. Another JA operator, possibly JA8WPP, may be with him. Most of the activity will be on 160, 80/75, 40 and 30 meters, but if conditions are good, look for them on 20, 17, 15 and 12 meters. Main frequencies also mentioned are 10105 kHz and 7005 kHz. QSL to JA1EZM: Hiro Tabuchi, 242 Kumagawa, Fussa City 197, Tokyo, Japan. Meanwhile, **AP2JZD** has been active on the 14226 DX net around 1500z.

CARIBBEAN TOUR. Peter/PA3BBP, Rob/PA3ERC and Ronald/PA3EWP will be active from **Cap Estate on St. Lucia (J6)**, from **August 21-30th**, as **J6/PA3BBP**, **J6/PA3ERC** and **J6/PA3EWP**. They might be active as **J68BP**, **J68RC** and **J68WP**, but they haven't received a

confirmation yet. From **August 30th through September 11th**, they will be active from **Pigeon Point on Tobago (9Y4)** as **9Y4/PA3BBP**, **9Y4/PA3ERC** and **9Y4/PA3EWP**. They will have 2 stations on the air with activity on 160-10 meters with operations on CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also try to work some Satellite RS-12. Their focus will be mainly on the WARC bands and the low bands for Europe during their grayline. Both locations will have an excellent take off to the US and Europe. A special InterNet Web Page will be setup at the URL: <http://www.igr.nl/users/pa3dmh/tour1997.html> This page will contain daily uploaded logs and digital images of the expedition. Special wishes can be sent to Alex, PA3DMH, the Webmaster of this page. They like to make as much contacts as possible, however, **THEY DO NOT ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WORK THEM DOUBLE!** QSLs for all the above callsigns go to PA3ERC, via the bureau or direct to: Rob Snieder, Van Leeuwenstraat 137, 2273 VS, Voorburg, The Netherlands

CY0NCD, SABLE ISLAND (UPDATE). Due to some transportation problems and adjustments, the **CY0NCD** operation had to start earlier than expected, and by the time you read this the operation will probably be winding down (August 12th). QSL via VA3NCD (bureau or direct and PLEASE consider QSL bureau delays - up to 18 months to receive some cards.) Film materials and pictures will be available upon request to anybody who might wish to see them. (For video, both NTSC and PAL will be available). Inquiries can be sent to Jarek's, VA3CND, E-mail address: jpawlega@perle.com

DOCUMENT #30. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive a copy of this document which contains the **DXCC 2000 AD HOC Committee Interim Report** and Recommendations that were presented at the ARRL's Board of Directors meeting which took place July 20th.

EA9, CEUTA. Frank, EA5RD, and Kim, EA5ND, will be active from Northern Africa **September 6-7th**. During their activities, they will sign **EA9/homecall**. They plan to have two stations active on CW/SSB/RTTY on 80-10 meters (in the usual DX-windows). Contacts made with these stations will be valid for the "Spanish Castles Awards", with the reference number CCE-049 and the location will be the Muralla Real. A special color QSL card will be available. QSL via the bureau or direct to homecall signs.

FG, GUADELOUPE. John, EA3CB, is currently staying on **Guadeloupe Island (NA-102)** and plans to go to **Les Saintes Island (NA-114)** next. Look for John to be active as **FG/EA3CB until August 14th** on Guadeloupe and **Les Saintes August 15-17th**. Activity will be on CW/SSB/RTTY with operations on 40-10 meters (WARCs included). QSL via EA3CB.

FP, ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON. Rich, K2RW, of the North Jersey DX Association is planning a RTTY operation from **St. Pierre** starting **August 14th through 18th** as **FP5AA**. He will be active in the **SARTG RTTY Contest** August 16-17th. QSL via his home call K2RW.

JD, MINAMI TORISHIMA. "The 59(9) DXReport" states **JD1/JG8NQJ** will QRT in late September, one month earlier than expected. He is can be found active on 7010, 10103 and 14027 kHz. QSL via JA8CJY.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY. Look for members of the Great South Bay ARC, Islip ARES and Long Island DX Association to operate from the **Fire Island Lighthouse** (ref #670, IOTA **NA-026**, USIA NY-013-S), **August 16th and 17th**, between 1400-2200z signing **W2GSB/p**. SSB activity will be on the usual IOTA frequencies, CW will be announced. A special color

QSL certificate will be available. QSL via AC2P CBA, #10 SASE please.

MORE 6M BEACON NEWS.....

- Steve, KC2X, states the **KC4XX** beacon on 50.077 MHz is located in **Orlando, Florida** (EL-98), and is running 2 watts.
- Another new beacon was announced in the USA. It is on 50.0628 MHz with the callsign **KB6BKN**. The beacon is running 30 watts using a 3 element beam pointed at the east.
- **GB3IOJ/IN89** on 50.065 MHz has just had a new antenna fitted. The beacon now uses the new Alinco "V" antenna.

P4, ARUBA. Ray, WF1B, be active from here **September 24-30th** and will operate in the **1997 CQWW RTTY Contest** this September. He will be operating some SSB before and after the RTTY contest. He has issued the callsign **P40TT**. No CW or 160 meters operation is planned.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Ron, WB3LHD, states he has been waiting for a QSL from **PY2AEI** since November, 1995. After 3 requests, Ron received a reply from PY2AEI's wife saying that Julio had passed away in 1989. It would appear that the **November 1995** operation was a **PIRATE**.
- Les, WF5E, received a letter recently from Abubaker Alzway, the operator at **5A1A**, stating that the 5A1A is the only station in Libya working SSB since July, 1995. Any other operation is a **pirate operation** and they have no permission to operate. Abubaker has returned some **5A0A** QSLs as they are no good. He also states any operation from Joe from the Czech Embassy in Tripoli is no good because he has no permission to operate as of this date. He also mentions that he has returned some QSLs from his 5A27 operation where he was the op in September, 1996 (this was in celebration for their 27th Anniversary of the Al-fath September Revolution). Les states he is not the QSL Manager for 5A1A, although he might be able to obtain your QSL if you worked Abubaker as 5A1A. Les's E-mail address is: wf5e@starttwo.apex2000.net
- 7Q7EH QSLs. The W1 QSL Bureau is receiving quite a number of cards for **7Q7EH** via W1EH. The W1 Bureau states they cannot contact W1EH and he does not subscribe to their bureau. The GO List shows AA9HD as QSL Manager, and their sorter has attempted to contact AA9HD, but has failed to elicit any reply. The W1 Bureau cannot handle cards for 7Q7EH. Some list somewhere is in error. To those who sent via W1EH; resend trying AA9HD.
- Ron, AC7DX, informs OPDX that he is now the new QSL Manager for contest station **ZZ2Z** (Cesar py2yp). QSL to: Ron Lago AC7DX, POB 25426, Eugene, Oregon 97402.
- T32Z QSLs. Ron, N3AF, informs OPDX that after sending several SASEs, he made a phone call to Janice, N7YL, QSL Manager for **T32Z**. Janice told Ron she has not received any logs from T32Z in over a year. She told Ron that as soon as she gets some logs she can begin to respond to everyone's QSL requests.

S2, BANGLADESH. The "DX News Sheet" states that Jim, VK9NS, may be active October/November as **S21ZA**.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. Look for **W4MT** to be active on **September 6th** between

1300-2100z on 20 and 10 meters. The station's activity are in celebration of the **U.S. Air Force's 50th Anniversary**. Special QSL's will be available via KE4WMG.

SSIDXG NEWS. Tony DePrato, WA4JQS, Director of Operations for the South Sandwich Island Dx Group, released the following: Mark Parrin, N7MQ (ex-N7MCA), legal advisor for SSIDXG, announces that SSIDXG is now Incorporated as a non-profit DX group and all donations are non taxable. SSIDXG would also like to welcome our newest member of the team DR. Frank Weigelt, N0DX. Frank is with the University of Iowa, College of Medicine, Department of Radiology. He will be assisting Jerry, AA6BB/7, in the fund raising operations for the upcoming Bouvet operation until it is time for his departure as a team member of the DXpedition. With the new tax status of SSIDXG, all donations can now go directly to Jerry, AA6BB/7, and have a positive tax implication for our supporters. The current Board of Directors of SSIDXG is made up of the following members:

- Luis Chartarifsky, XE1L, Mexico City ,DF
- Terry Dubson, K6JL (ex W6MKB), Escondido, Calif.
- Gary Jones, W5FI (ex W5VSZ), Hattiesburg. MS.
- Sam Brown, WA4IUM, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Tony DePrato, WA4JQS, Ferguson, Ky.
- Jerry Branson, AA6BB/7, Junction City, Org.

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<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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